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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 12 and 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 12 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C2)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokko (US 5, 790,534) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Regarding claim 1, Kokko describes a method used in a base site (BS) (fig. 1), comprising:

determining a radio frequency (RF) load metric corresponding to a base site (fig. 1, 14 B & C, load control & monitor);

comparing the determined RF load metric to an RF load threshold to produce a comparison (col. 6, lines 34-46);

Kokko describes that the comparison determines whether if the BS has adequate resources (target) to handle the transmissions from/to the mobiles 12, but fails to explicitly describe that the resources comprises a jitter buffer depth.

AAPA describes that it is well-known within a cellular radio communication system that a receiving communication device being a cellular radiotelephone comprises a jitter buffer (p.1)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention by applicant to interpret the jitter buffer within the cellular radiotelephone

described by AAPA as part of the resources in the BS of Kokko in determination whether if overload (i.e. exceeding target) may occur from such determination.

The motivation for combining the teaching is that it controls the communication traffic loading of the channel(s) subjected to varying requirements of circuit switched and packet switch traffic from the mobile terminals (Kokko, col. 1, lines 34-38).

Regarding claim 2, Kokko and AAPA combined further suggests:

the determined RF load metric is greater than the RF load threshold, a jitter buffer depth target is used that is appropriate for a communication using retransmissions (Kokko, col. 6, lines 37-46, When overloading occurs, BS 16 denies MS 12 transmission in the next frame, requiring retransmission at a later time).

Regarding claim 4, Kokko describes that determining a RF load metric comprises determining an RF load (col. 6, lines 34-37), also further suggesting:

when the determined RF load metric is greater than the RF load threshold, determining to retransmit erroneously received frames (col. 6, lines 25-46, BS determines whether if the MS may be permitted to re-transmit the NACK-ed frames).

2. **Claim 3** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokko and AAPA as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Laakso (US 6,671,512).

Kokko teaches that determining a RF load metric comprises determining an RF load (col. 6, lines 34-37), with the loading monitor calculates the maximum allowable power to be used in the area of its cell (col. 7, lines 50-52), but fails to explicitly teach:

determining to transmit frames at a lower power level when the determined RF load metric is greater than the RF load threshold.

Laakso describes traffic load control for a wireless telecommunication (abstract), suggesting: determining to transmit frames at a lower power level when the determined RF load metric is greater than the RF load threshold (col. 11, lines 4-7, MS drops (lowers) power when uplink RF is overloaded).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention by applicant to use power level in compensating the (RF load metric) channel quality as in Laakso for the RF compensation of Kokko.

The motivation for combining the teaching is that it allows a simplest form for controlling the RF load (Laakso, col. 11, line 5).

3. **Claims 5, 7, 12-13** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokko and AAPA as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Uesugi (US 2003/0072266).

Regarding claim 5, Kokko and AAPA combined teach using a jitter buffer for wireless communication and using ACK/NACKS (AAPA, p1-2), but fails to teach:

when the determined RF load metric is less than the RF load threshold, a jitter buffer depth target is used that is appropriate for a communication using a reduced number of retransmissions.

Uesugi teaches wireless transmission using ACK/NACKs, comprising: assigning a communication using a reduce number of retransmissions (fig. 3 & paragraph 44,

when reception quality (RF load metric) is poor, number of retransmissions are reduced).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention by applicant to reduce the number of retransmissions when the channel quality (RF load metric) is poor as in Uesugi for the wireless transmission of Kokko and AAPA.

The motivation for combining the teaching is that it improves the efficiency of the (overall) transmission (Uesugi, abstract).

Regarding Claim 7, Kokko and AAPA combined teach that determining a RF load metric comprises determining an RF load (col. 6, lines 34-37), but fails to teach:

when the determined RF load metric is less than the RF load threshold, determining to reduce a use of retransmissions of erroneously received frames.

Uesugi teaches wireless transmission using ACK/NACKs, comprising: when the determined RF load metric is less than the RF load threshold, determining to reduce a use of retransmissions of erroneously received frames (fig. 3 & paragraph 44, when reception quality (RF load metric) is poor, number of retransmissions are reduced).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention by applicant to reduce the number of retransmission when the channel quality (RF load metric) is poor as in Uesugi for the wireless transmission of Kokko and AAPA...

The motivation for combining the teaching is that it improves the efficiency of the (overall) transmission (Uesugi, abstract).

Regarding claim 12, Kokko, AAPA and Uesugi combined further describe:

a step of determining to retransmit erroneously received frames when the determined RF load is greater than the RF load threshold (Uesugi, fig. 3 & paragraph 44, when reception quality (RF load metric) is good, number of retransmissions are increased (i.e. more retransmit)).

Regarding claim 13, Kokko, AAPA and Uesugi combined further describe:

a step of determining to reduce a use of retransmission of erroneously received frames when the determined RF load is less than the RF load threshold (Uesugi, fig. 3 & paragraph 44, when reception quality (RF load metric) is poor, number of retransmissions are reduced).

4. **Claim 6** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokko in view of AAPA and Uesugi as applied to claim 5 above, and further in view of Simonsson (US 6,950,669).

Kokko teaches that determining a RF load metric comprises determining an RF load (col. 6, lines 34-37), with the loading monitor calculates the maximum allowable power to be used in the area of its cell (col. 7, lines 50-52), but fails to explicitly teach:

determining to transmit frames at a higher power level when the determined RF load metric is less than the RF load threshold.

Simonsson suggests: determining to transmit frames at a higher power level when the determined RF load metric is less than the RF load threshold. (fig. 6, step 604 & col. 7, lines 51-58, after compensating for base station/cell's packet data loading, the

power level for individual channels for a mobile is raised if the channel quality is lower (RF load metric is lower than RF load threshold) than that for the channel's pre-determined data rate (threshold)).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention by applicant to use power level in compensating the (RF load metric) channel quality as in Simonsson for the RF compensation of Kokko.

The motivation for combining the teaching is that it improves the channel quality in packet data mobile radio networks (col. 2, lines 8-11).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's argument regarding claim 1 filed 1/22/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

On p. 5 paragraph 1, the applicant argues that Kokko fails to teach "post transmission control of a communication at a receiving end, that is, a depth of a jitter buffer that receives data and effectuates a playing out of the received data .. Kokko cannot be considered to teach any basis for making of adjustments associated with a post-transmission of data at a receiving end of a communication, that is, in a jitter buffer that stores the data at the receiving end" The examiner respectfully disagrees.

The examiner noted that he has used the AAPA, not Kokko, in fulfilling the post-transmission of data, i.e. using a jitter buffer depth which receives the data and to play out the received data: AAPA, p. 1 "The receiving communication device stores the received data blocks in a jitter buffer.. The jitter buffer stores a predetermined amount of

data and, when full, conveys the stored data to a user of the receiving communication device, that is, a listener".

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3 and 6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.: Salonaho (US 6,317,600) describing radio system load control.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WARNER WONG whose telephone number is (571)272-8197. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30AM - 3:00PM, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kwang Yao can be reached on 571-272-3182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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